

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

KARL I. STRELNICK, M.D.

Respondent

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ORDER RENEWING THE LICENSE AND GRANTING PETITION IN PART

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By its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter dated March 27, 1987, the Medical Examining Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the license of Karl I. Strelnick to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin. On December 28, 1989, the board granted Dr. Strelnick's petition to reinstate the license, subject to certain terms and conditions. The license was limited in part to require that Dr. Strelnick's entire practice be under the supervision of a psychiatrist satisfactory to the board, and that his practice be limited to psychiatric assessment and evaluation, treatment planning, and medical management of male patients in an institutional setting.

By letter dated January 13, 1992, Dr. Strelnick, by attorney David Relles, petitioned the board to approve Jon E. Gudeman, M.D., and Joseph B. Layde, M.D., J.D., as his joint supervisors in his employment with Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex. He also petitioned for removal of the requirement that he treat only men. Dr. Strelnick and Mr. Relles appeared before the board at its meeting of January 23, 1992, in support of the petition, and the board considered the matter on that date.

By its *Order Granting Petition in Part* dated January 27, 1992, the board approved Drs. Gudeman and Layde as Dr. Strelnick's practice supervisors, ordered that Dr. L. Ronald Cromwell be included in the supervisory team, denied Dr. Strelnick's petition to remove the condition on his license prohibiting him from treating women in his practice, and ordered that Dr. Strelnick appear before the board at the end of six months.

As ordered, Dr. Strelnick appeared before the board at its meeting of July 23, 1992. At that time, Dr. Strelnick petitioned the board to permit him to apply for and to hold a DEA registration. The board denied the request by its Order dated July 30, 1992.

Dr. Strelnick again appeared before the board as required by the board's Order on January 21, 1993. At that time, he petitioned for renewal of the limited license, and again requested that his DEA registration be permitted. The board considered the matter on that date, and denied the petition by its Order dated January 29, 1993.

Pursuant to the board's Order, Dr. Strelnick appeared before the board at its meeting of January 20, 1994. At that time, Dr. Strelnick petitioned for a change in the conditions of his license to permit him to trade coverage with other inpatient psychiatrists. The board considered the request on that date, and denied the petition by its Order dated January 29, 1994.

Dr. Strelnick again appeared on January 26, 1995, in support of renewal of his limited license. The board considered the matter on that date, and renewed the limited license for six months.

Dr. Strelnick's next meeting with the board was on July 27, 1995. This time, Dr. Strelnick requested that he be permitted to see on an outpatient basis at the reception center of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex male patients previously attended on an inpatient basis. The board considered the request on that date and denied the request by its Order dated August 3, 1995.

Pursuant to the August 3, 1995 Order, Dr. Strelnick appeared before the board on January 26, 1996. At that time, he petitioned the board for a number of modifications to his limited license. First, he requested that he be permitted to treat outpatients; second, that he be permitted to treat females; third, that he be permitted to treat all patients, regardless of diagnosis; and, finally, that he be permitted to hold a DEA registration.

Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of Karl I. Strelnick, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin be, and hereby is, renewed for a period of six months. Dr. Strelnick shall appear before the board at the end of six months in support of renewal of the license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's limited license is hereby modified to permit him to treat male outpatients.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's limited license is hereby modified to permit him to treat all male patients, regardless of diagnosis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's limited license is hereby modified to permit him to apply for and hold a DEA registration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Strelnick's petition to permit him to treat female patients is denied.

### DISCUSSION

This partial granting of Dr. Strelnick's request for modification of the limitations on his license recognizes his rehabilitative progress over the past number of years. It will require a considerable period of practice under these relaxed limitations, however, before the board will be comfortable in considering any modification to the requirement that he refrain from treating female patients.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1996.

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Chair